

# Michigan Health Information Technology Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date** Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location** Virtual Meeting

## Commissioner Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Norman Beauchamp, M.D.	Schools of Medicine	Present
Nicholas D'Isa, <b>co-chair</b>	Health Plans or Other Payers	Present
Sarah Esty	Department of Health and Human Services	Present
Jack Harris	Department of Technology, Mgmt., Budget	Present
Allison Brenner, PharmD	Pharmaceutical Industry	Present
Jonathon Kufahl	Hospitals	Present
Paul LaCasse, D.O.	Doctors of Osteopathic Med. and Surgery	Present
Pat Rinvelt	Purchasers or Employers	Present
Thomas Simmer, M.D., <b>co-chair</b>	Nonprofit Health Care Corporations	Present
Renée Smiddy, M.S.B.A.	Consumers	Present
Heather Somand, Pharm.D.	Pharmacists	Present
Jim VanderMey	Health IT Field	Present
Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D.	Doctors of Medicine	Present

## Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Staff:

Chris Jackson, Erin Mobley, Trevor Youngquist

## Guests:

*Registration is not required to attend Health IT Commission virtual public meetings. Due to open registration, we are currently not able to capture public attendance.*

**Minutes:** The regular Health Information Technology Commission meeting was held virtually on September 22, 2020 with thirteen (13) commissioners in attendance.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

*Presented by commission chair*

- i. Co-Chair Dr. Thomas Simmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- ii. He described methods for the public to be involved during the Zoom meeting
- iii. Trevor Youngquist, MDHHS Data Sharing Policy Analyst, provided virtual “housekeeping” guidelines

### A. Introduce New Commissioner

- i. Co-Chair Simmer invited Dr. Allison Brenner to introduce herself to the commission.
- ii. She provided information on her background and experience.

## 2. Commission Business

*Presented by the commission chair*

- i. Co-Chair Simmer invited commissioners to provide an introduction.

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### A. Review of the 6/25/2020 Minutes

- i. Co-Chair Simmer presented a motion to approve the June 2020 meeting minutes.
  1. Commissioner Michael Zaroukian seconded the motion
  2. There were no objections from the commission and the motion passed unanimously.

### 3. MDHHS Update

*Presented by Trevor Youngquist, MDHHS Data Sharing Policy Analyst*

- i. Mr. Youngquist provided an update on introduction messaging for the health IT roadmap.
- ii. He described the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) Consumer Engagement Stakeholder Forum
  1. Commissioner Sarah Esty described the forum's complimentary efforts aligned with the roadmap development process.
  2. She invited other organizations to share any event or communication efforts relevant to roadmap development and to contact the CedarBridge Group ([miroadmap@cedarbridgegroup.com](mailto:miroadmap@cedarbridgegroup.com))
- iii. Mr. Youngquist invited questions about the MPHI forum
- iv. He provided an update on commission committees and beginning convenings in 2021.
- v. He invited questions about committees
  1. Commissioner Esty thanked the work of the roadmap steering committee and its support for roadmap development

### 4. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) "Electronic Health Record (EHR) Vendor Initiative" Overview

*Presented by Danny Zajac, BCBSM Health Care Analyst, Value Partnerships*

- i. Co-Chair Simmer introduced the presentation and highlighted the statewide benefits that the effort provides.
- ii. Danny Zajac provided an overview of the initiative.
- iii. He described its alignment with the Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN)
- iv. He described the challenges and opportunities of EHR adoption by providers
- v. He described the effort's goal of promoting greater interoperability
- vi. He presented the initiative's other goals
- vii. He listed the engagement of various EHR vendors in the initiative
- viii. He described future capabilities possible from the initiative
- ix. He invited questions from the commission
  1. Co-Chair Simmer described the possibilities in effectively leveraging EHRs and collective efforts needed to enable further innovations and interoperability. He thanked the efforts of the Value Partnerships team.
  2. Mr. Youngquist read a comment submitted to the commission from the public about receiving MiHIN Active Care Relationship Service (ACRS) files from behavioral health providers.

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- a. Mr. Zajac invited further engagement from behavioral health providers
- b. Drew Murray, MiHIN Senior Engagement Director, described the MiHIN electronic consent management (eCM) project.
- c. Co-Chair Simmer read a comment submitted to the commission from the public about PCE Systems needing to be a key partner in that effort, given their saturation as an EHR vendor in the behavioral health sector.
- d. Co-Chair Simmer reiterated the importance of developing the eCM service.
- e. Co-Chair Simmer read a comment submitted to the commission from the public describing a Michigan Health Endowment Fund proposal to develop care management capabilities for substance use disorder in the MDHHS Care Connect 360 (CC360) application
- f. Ms. Dara Barrera urged the commission to consider current services and systems to reduce burden and leverage existing efforts (e.g. to limit potential silos)
- g. Co-Chair Simmer described administration burden that lead to downstream impacts, e.g. limiting chronic disease management and disparities reduction
- h. Commission Jim VanderMey suggested that future presentations contain recommendations that the commission can leverage to produce change or situational awareness

### 5. Update on Health IT Roadmap

*Presented by Carol Robinson, Founder and CEO of the CedarBridge Group*

#### **A. Project Update**

- i. Carol Robinson described progress made on health IT roadmap development.
- ii. She described efforts made to develop and distribute electronic surveys, outreach communications, a “pre-survey.” She also described the virtual stakeholder forums.
- iii. She elaborated on the project timeline.
  1. Co-Chair Simmer asked about data collection methods related to behavioral health stakeholders
    - a. Ms. Robinson described the CedarBridge Group’s interest and experience in behavioral health service delivery and care coordination.
    - b. She described consent management efforts and their relation to roadmap strategy development.
    - c. Commissioner Esty described the sequence of data collection processes, e.g. stakeholder listening

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sessions, consideration of barriers, then leading to brainstorming on solutions

2. Co-Chair Simmer read a comment submitted to the commission from the public related to eCM and CC360
- iv. Ms. Robinson presented results from the “pre-survey,” submitted to stakeholders who received the introductory message from MDHHS

### **B. Roadmap Steering Committee (RSC) Update**

- i. Mr. Youngquist presented a draft preliminary list of key informants for roadmap development.
- ii. He stated that key informant interviews will begin in October 2020.
- iii. He invited commissioner feedback.
  1. Ms. Robinson provided further details on the scope of key informant interviews.
  2. Co-Chair Nicholas D’Isa asked who has contributed to the preliminary draft list
  3. Ms. Robinson described the collaborative nature of the list development, including from MDHHS and the RSC
  4. Co-Chair D’Isa inquired if there was a deadline for finalizing the key informant list.
  5. Mr. Youngquist stated that the current deadline is to understand whether the current list is sufficient for CedarBridge to begin addressing in October
  6. Commissioner Esty stated that, as some stakeholders are added over time, some stakeholders may need to be removed to accommodate CedarBridge’s resources
  7. Ms. Robinson indicated that CedarBridge is adaptive in its resources as key informant interviews proceed
  8. Mr. Youngquist read a comment submitted to the commission from the public indicating the importance of including behavioral health providers in key informant interviews
  9. Ms. Robinson invited future guidance from the commission as activities continue.
  10. Commissioner Esty described the intent for strategic alignment within the department to the roadmap as it is developed.
  11. She urged that future meetings seek to continually align and further develop the roadmap, ensuring that stakeholders can support its implementation.

### **A. Public Comment**

To allow for accessible public comment, the meeting invited comments from public attendees via Zoom meeting audio, Zoom meeting chat and call-in.

- i. Helen Hill congratulated work of commission in developing a roadmap. She described the healthcare industry’s efforts to ensure compliance with the CURES Act. She urged the commission to have an active role in supporting Michigan with advising on regulatory compliance. She also recommended that broad stakeholder engagement continue to ensure strategic alignment.

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- ii. Mr. Youngquist responded to a comment submitted to the commission from the public about the recordings of stakeholder forums.
- iii. Dan Boyle complimented the commission on its efforts. He described his work with the Upper Peninsula Health Information Exchange (UPHIE) and its partnerships with MiHIN and BCBSM. He urged that the commission consider how to involve smaller health systems and providers in health IT roadmap strategy development, EHR adoption, technical assistance, and funding.

### **B. Adjourn**

- i. Co-Chair Simmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Zaroukian. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.